

NATRONA COUNTY CONTROL BURN POLICY

This control burn policy is made up of the 1997 Uniform Fire Code (UFC), Natrona County Resolution No. 49-98 (NCR) and DEQ Chapter 10 – Smoke Management (DEQ). Where there are conflicts between the codes, the most restrictive will prevail.

Location NCR Section 5, g, 1 & 2

- (1) Location Restricted. No person shall kindle or maintain any bon fire or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained on any private land that is not zoned Ranching, Agricultural & Mining; Urban Agriculture; Rural Residential 1 & 2 or Airport District pursuant to the Zoning Resolution of Natrona County, NCR #1-94, as amended, without first having obtained a permit from the Natrona County Fire District. In all cases a bon fire or rubbish fire shall be in a location that is not less than fifty feet from any structure and adequate prevention is made to prevent fire from spreading to within fifty feet of any structure, or the fire is contained in an approved waste burner located safely not less than 15 feet from any structure.
- (2) Any open burning shall be conducted as required by any government agency regulating emissions or may be prohibited in times of extreme fire danger by resolution of the Natrona County Commissioners, Natrona County Fire Protection District, Casper Mountain Fire District, or any other governmental agency.

Notification UFC 1102.3.2

Prior to commencement of open burning and at the end of burning the Natrona County Dispatch Center shall be notified @ 235-9300

Material Restrictions UFC 1102.3.3

Open burning of rubbish containing paper products is prohibited. Natural material such as wood, grass, leaves, sagebrush etc. is allowed. Any material not allowed by DEQ Chapter 10 is prohibited.

DEQ CHP 10 Section 2

(ii) Refuse burning may be conducted if there is less than 100 dwelling units located within one square mile of the refuse burning.

Burn Times UFC 1102.3.4

Burning operations shall be conducted between the hours of 0800 and 1100. Any medium to high winds will prohibit any burning during the time stated above. Special permission to burn outside the designated time can be granted on a case to case basis.

Fire-extinguishing equipment UFC 1102.3.6

A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire-extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use at open burn sites.

Attendance UFC 1102.3.7

Burning material shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire-extinguishing equipment and familiar with the Natrona County Control Burn Policy. This person shall remain in attendance from the start of the fire till the time it has been extinguished.

Discontinuance UFC 1102.3.8

The Natrona County District Fire Chief, Inspector, Shift Captains or Natrona County Deputy acting as an enforcement agent is authorized to require that open burning be immediately discontinued if it is determined that the smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if it is determined to constitute a hazardous condition.